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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6073**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1041

**NOTE PREPARED:** Oct 17, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Heimlich Maneuver Training For School Employees.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Duncan

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires certain schools to have an employee who has received instruction on the Heimlich maneuver or a similar procedure present while students are being served food. The bill establishes immunity from liability for an act or omission in the performance of these duties.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* If every public school were to pay for classes to train one staff member in first aid and the Heimlich maneuver, the total impact to local school expenditures would be approximately \$143,000 statewide. The average cost per school corporation would be about \$488. Schools may be able to offset the cost of training within existing resources. The impact to local expenditures would depend on how many school personnel would need to be trained in first aid and the Heimlich maneuver to ensure that at least one staff member is present when students are served food. If a particular school already had the sufficient staff, as defined in the bill, that were already trained, no additional expenditure would be needed for that particular school.

*Background:* As of June 2004, training in first aid classes through the American Red Cross was \$65 per person. This price was uniform throughout all Red Cross chapters in Indiana. As of June 2004, there were approximately 2,200 public school buildings in Indiana and 2,095 public school buildings with students that

received a free or reduced-price lunch.

If local fire departments offered CPR and first aid classes for free, the cost of training could be minimized or eliminated. However, at least two fire departments in the Marion County area no longer offer CPR instruction to the general public. One of these departments does occasionally offer CPR classes to large companies in the area.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations.

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